## **Kansans Top 25 Most Popular Baby Names**

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Jacob and Emma were the most popular names Kansas parents gave to their newborns in 2003. Jacob remained in first place among popular boys' names for the ninth year in a row while other biblical names like Daniel, Gabriel, Issac, and Noah have made way for more Celtic and English names--such as Kaden, Aiden, Logan, and Dylan.

Emma replaced Emily as the most popular girl's name. This information was prepared by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Center for Health and Environmental Statistics. The lists are derived from birth certificate information the Center's Office of Vital Statistics keeps on file.

Dropping off the list of 25 most popular girls' names were Allison, Ashley, Makayla and Sydney. Joining the list were Anna, Chloe, Kylie and Samantha. Leaving the list of 25 most popular boys' names were Daniel, Gabriel, Isaac, John and Noah. Joining the list were Christian, Christopher, Jonathan, Jayden and Jackson.



Popular baby names are one of the more regularly requested items produced by the Center's Office of Health Care Information. While the list reflects popular culture and names frequently used in the media, other information from birth certificates and other vital records stored with the Center's Office of Vital Statistics is used to gauge health trends in the state.

The popular baby names lists are available on the KDHE Web site at: <a href="http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/hci">http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/hci</a>.